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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Weddington

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Title: METHODS FOR ALTERING INSULIN SECRETION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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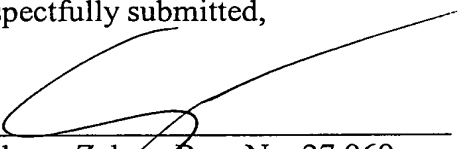
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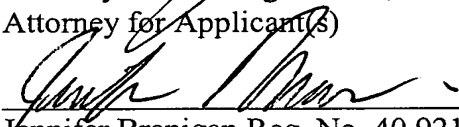
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 13, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-8, 10 and 11, drawn to a method for altering insulin secretion comprising contacting a pancreatic islet cell expressing SGK1 with a substance that modulates SGK1. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed, as the Examiner notes, a complete search of Groups I, II, IV and V would be classified in class 514, sub-class 248. In such a situation where there is little, if any, additional burden upon the examiner, the inventions should be kept together in a single application. See M.P.E.P. §803. Withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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